

## **Minutes of the Truro Board of Health, Tuesday November 2, 2021**

This was a remote meeting. Board members in attendance:

Chair Tracey Rose; Vice Chair, Jason Silva, Board members; Helen Grimm, Brian Koll and Tim Rose. Also Present: Health and Conservation Agent, Emily Beebe. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 PM by the Chair, Tracey Rose. The Chair announced the remote meeting procedures and described the process for public participation

**Public comment:** Eric Parker sent an e-mail to the Agent requesting information on Covid and suggested posting updates for the public on the Truro webpage. Chair Tracey Rose addressed the public comment by stating that the inquiry would be brought up in the next meeting.

### **Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project:**

Cape Cod Mosquito Control representative, Gabrielle Sakolsky, showed a powerpoint that included a brief overview of the mosquito life cycle as mosquitos breed and cultivate in standing/stagnant water. Water management and pest management education are the best tools for minimizing the mosquito population. Cape Cod Mosquito Control looks to control Mosquitos that may carry illness, and they utilize IPM, (integrated pest management) which follows three basic steps:

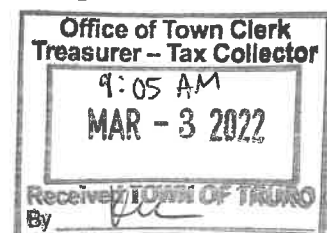
1. Educate the public on year-round property maintenance to minimize chances of mosquito cultivation
2. Investigate any stagnant water on or around the area where mosquito populations are being reported.
3. If larvae are discovered in water samples, conduct larvicide treatments. Larvicide is a targeted response that uses different bacteria strains to kill the mosquitos in their larval stage. CCMCP sets up surveillance in specific locations to monitor the mosquito populations and test for arbovirus, such as EEE(eastern equine encephalitis) or WNV (west nile virus). Cape Cod Mosquito Control is responsible for both identifying and monitoring viruses in mosquitos on the Cape. The rapid increase in mosquito populations over the summer months in Truro was primarily due to the overwash at Duck Harbor in Wellfleet. This was an area without any CCMCP control efforts for 40 years as it was land not previously owned by the Commonwealth, and therefore had not been permitted. Ms. Sakolsky reported that they applied for a special use permit from the Cape Cod National Seashore to open the area for access, and to treat the area where mosquito populations were breeding, with larvicide. The permit was issued at the end of July to larvicide the area. At the end of August the special use permit was extended to cut access paths through the dead vegetation. The Special Use Permit with the National Seashore expires at the end of December. There is a trap site less than half a mile from the Truro town line. The mosquitos trapped last spring near this area were *Ochlerotatus cantato*, and they are salt and brackish water mosquitos that bite during the day, have a range of five to ten miles and also fly for a longer time period than sweet water mosquitos. The Agent inquired whether the overwash at Duck Harbor was still experiencing the same amount of water accumulation from the eroded dune, or whether the water overwash had resolved itself. Ms. Sakolsky said that it overwashed at recent moon tides and had observed the water "rushing" through the area. Ms. Sakolski expressed concern over private citizens hiring companies to spray their properties with pesticides, which includes spraying their vegetation which kills other insects. She is concerned about spraying by un-licensed personnel which could create a harmful situation for homeowners and their neighbors.

### **I/A system review: 139 Shore Road(map-22,parcel 13): Magnaview Realty Trust:**

The Agent described the subject property as a 21,000 square foot lot with a 3 bedroom existing dwelling. The homeowner is requesting to use an I/A system on the property. There were no variances requested. The Agent communicated that a vote would be needed to accept the plan. The Board members accepted the use of the I/A system on the lot.

**Motion:** Board member Jason Silva moved to approve the I/A system

**Second:** Board member Tim Rose; **Vote:** 4-0-1, Chair Tracey Rose abstained.



**Waiver Request: 20 Great Hollow Road (map 42, parcel 174); Waiver requested to TBoH regulation section 6 article 3.1.(a) to allow septic upgrade following transfer of deed**

Jan Taylor represented her father as the conservator of his estate, and they requested that the Board grant a waiver to Section 6 article 3.1.(a) of the Truro Board of Health regulations to have the responsibility to upgrade transferred to the buyer. It was understood and agreed that the the buyer shall complete the Septic upgrade within 6 months of the sale. The buyer, Iskren Georgiev, was present at the meeting and assented. Mr. Georgiev has hired Billy Rogers to complete the upgrade. Chair Tracy Rose asked whether Mr. Georgiev understood that the home shall not be occupied until the upgrade is complete. Mr. Georgiev agreed to complete the upgrade and not occupy the estate until said upgrade was complete. Another individual involved in the transfer of the property, Tanya, inquired whether an extension could be filed if the upgrade was not completed by the end of the 6 month deadline period. that the Chair responded that if circumstances prevent the upgrade from being completed within the deadline, the buyers shall be in contact with the Health Agent to request an extension through the Board of Health.

**Motion:** Board member Brian Koll moved to approve the waiver of TboH regulation section 6 article 3.1.(a) to allow upgrade following tranfer of the deed under the following conditions: 1. That the upgrade be completed within 6 months of the property transfer. 2. That no one will occupy the property until the upgrade is completed. 3. If buyer is unable to complete the upgrade within the 6 month deadline, the health Agent shall be contacted and an extension request must be officially filed with the Truro Board of Health.

**Second:** Board member Helen Grimm

**Vote:** 4-0-1 with Chair Tracey Rose abstaining

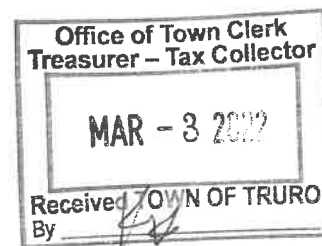
**Agent's Notes:**

The Agent suggested the Board meet to discuss a draft of Babe's upgrade plans. The Board agreed to continue the conversation at the next meeting with the owners.

**Motion:** Board member Tim Rose moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second** from Board member Brian Koll; the roll call vote was unanimously in favor and the motion carried, 5-0.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.**



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Approved on 3/1/2022, 5-0